

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraphs on page 1, lines 7-14 with the following replacement paragraphs:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/205,502, filed 4 Dec 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of ~~commonly owned, copending~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 08/784,862 filed 15 Jan 1997 by Khandros and Pedersen (now U.S. Patent No. 6,064,213).

~~This application~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 09/205,502 is also a continuation-in-part of ~~commonly owned, copending~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 09/108,163 filed 30 Jun 1998 by Dozier, Eldridge, Grube, Khandros, Mathieu, Pedersen, and Stadt (now U.S. Patent No. 6,033,935).

~~This application~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 09/205,502 is also a continuation-in-part of ~~commonly owned, copending~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 08/452,255 filed 26 May 1995 by Eldridge, Grube, Khandros, and Mathieu (now U.S. Patent No. 6,336,269).